

Appl. No. : 10/628,079
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REMARKS

Claims 22 to 30 have been cancelled. The limitation of Claim 25 has been included in Claim 14, and the limitation of Claim 28 has been included in Claim 17. As such, pending Claims 1, 4-7, and 9-17 are currently presented for examination. These amendments are made without prejudice to the continued prosecution of this subject matter in a continuing application.

With the above amendment, rejected Claims 22-24, 26, 27, 29, and 30 are cancelled. Independent Claims 14 and 17 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claims 25 and 28 respectively, which the Examiner indicated were allowable.


Applicant believes that all outstanding issues in this case have been resolved and that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully requested. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below in order to expedite the resolution of such issues.

Please apply any charges or credits, including any fees for an extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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